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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP02/13161, filed November 22, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, lines 10-23, are amended as follows:

Background to the invention

Multiple embodiments are known of devices for infusions of coffee in pre-measured dosages. Essentially, the known embodiments of such devices comprise a water tank, a heat exchanger, for example, an electrical one, an infusion mechanism and a dosage carrying mechanism. In general, said tank, heat exchanger and infusion mechanism constitute a functional unit, independent of the dosage carrying mechanism, which is coupled and uncoupled from said functional unit for the loading and unloading of the coffee dosage, that is, the dosage carrying mechanism constitutes a unit, which is independent of the device that needs to be coupled and uncoupled by the user in each infusion operation. An example of such a device is disclosed on document EP-A-0671141.

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Please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

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The device comprises a heat exchanger (1), an infusion mechanism (2) and a dosage carrying mechanism (3), all being coupled vertically and integrally in continuation from the other and defining a longitudinal axis (Y-Y). The dosage carrying mechanism (3) comprises a longitudinal movement mechanism provided with an arm drive (31), adapted in such a way that the rotation of the drive arm (31) in one direction causes the upward vertical movement of the mechanism (2) placing the dosage in the infusion mechanism (2) outlet chamber (26), and the rotation of the drive arm (31) in the opposite direction causes the downward movement of the mechanism (2) allowing the extraction of the dosage used.